

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for configuring a target computer system systems using different combinations of a plurality of software components stored in a storage source, the method comprising
determining a configuration for a target computer system, the configuration specifying a combination of software components desired;
creating an image of a first plurality of software components, the image created from the storage source including the plurality of software components;
storing the image onto the target computer system, the image being transferred from the storage source;
determining additional software components to be stored onto the target computer system based on the configuration;
storing the additional software components by using a predefined module, the additional software components being transferred from the storage source, wherein other target computer systems may be configured by using the predefined module, the predefined module using the plurality of software components stored in the storage source to create different combinations of the software components.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a module includes at least a portion of setup information provided by a manufacturer of a first software component associated with a first module.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a module includes at least a portion of a compressed software component.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein a module includes at least a portion of a PAC file.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the image includes a foundation image.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the image includes a recovery image.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing a plurality of data files, wherein a data file includes system specific configuration information.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the data files are stored in a common directory.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein a code field is used to indicate what images can be loaded onto a particular system.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising
creating an initialization file;
copying a recovery image to a temporary location;
restoring the recovery image to a first partition from a temporary location;
copying the recovery image from the first partition to a temporary location;
copying a foundation image to the first partition via a network;
restoring the foundation image to a second partition;
copying permanent modules to the first partition;
copying a data file to the first partition;
copying temporary modules to the first partition;
copying a module including at least a portion of a software component to the first partition;

executing one or more modules; and
deleting modules from the first partition.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising
storing a process for recovering an initial installation.

12. (Currently amended) An apparatus for configuring a target computer
~~system~~systems using different combinations of a plurality of software components stored in a
storage source, the apparatus comprising

a ~~machine~~computer-readable storage medium including comprising:

one or more instructions for determining a configuration for a target computer
system, the configuration specifying a combination of software components desired;

one or more instructions for creating an image of a first plurality of software
components, the image created from the storage source including the plurality of software
components;

one or more instructions for storing the image onto the target computer system,
the image being transferred from the storage source;

one or more instructions for determining additional software components to be
stored onto the target computer system based on the configuration; and

one or more instructions for storing the additional software components by using
a predefined module, the additional software components being transferred from the storage
source, wherein other target computer systems may be configured by using the predefined
module, the predefined module using the plurality of software components stored in the storage
source to create different combinations of the software components.

13. (Currently amended) A ~~machine~~computer-readable storage medium for
configuring target computer systems using different combinations of a plurality of software
components stored in a storage source, the computer-readable storage medium
comprising:including

one or more instructions for determining a configuration for a target computer
system, the configuration specifying a combination of software components desired;

one or more instructions for creating an image of a first plurality of software components, the image created from the storage source including the plurality of software components;

one or more instructions for storing the image onto the target computer system, the image being transferred from the storage source;

one or more instructions for determining additional software components to be stored onto the target computer system based on the configuration; and

one or more instructions for storing the additional software components by using a predefined module, the additional software components being transferred from the storage source, wherein other target computer systems may be configured by using the predefined module, the predefined module using the plurality of software components stored in the storage source to create different combinations of the software components.

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus for configuring a target computer systems using different combinations of a plurality of software components stored in a storage source system, the apparatus comprising

means for determining a configuration for a target computer system, the configuration specifying a combination of software components desired;

means for creating an image of a first plurality of software components, the image created from the storage source including the plurality of software components;

means for storing the image onto the target computer system, the image being transferred from the storage source;

means for determining additional software components to be stored onto the target computer system based on the configuration; and

means for storing the additional software components by using a predefined module, the additional software components being transferred from the storage source, wherein other target computer systems may be configured by using the predefined module, the predefined module using the plurality of software components stored in the storage source to create different combinations of the software components.

15. (Currently amended) A method for recovering software components using different combinations of a plurality of software components stored in a storage source, the method comprising

installing at least a portion of a foundation image from the storage source;
selectively allowing a user to install a software component from a third-party installation medium, the software component being transferred from the storage source; and
selectively allowing a user to install a software component from a secondary file, wherein the software component from the third-party installation medium and the secondary file being transferred from the storage source, wherein other target computer systems may be configured using the plurality of software components stored in the storage source to create different combinations of the software components.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the secondary file includes a PAC file.